



Executive Summary

Aspire Academy is a STEM-focused public charter school that will be located in Shakopee the SW Metro. Governed by a strong board and supported by families and communities who are currently underserved and marginalized,

Aspire Academy Mission & Vision

Mission: Aspire is a community-based school committed to empower and educate all students to attain high academic performance, while eliminating the achievement gap by delivering an engaging STEM curriculum and meet the individual needs of all students.

Vision: Aspire equips all students with the knowledge, character and skills needed to meet the demands of a competitive global economy.

Aspire is committed to fulfilling the purpose defined in [Minnesota Statutes §124E](#) : to improve **all** pupil learning and **all** student achievement by infusing a STEM-based curriculum within a project-based learning framework, thereby encouraging the use of different and innovative teaching methods. Also, Aspire espouses Teacher as Designer, thereby creating new professional opportunities for teachers.

Aspire Academy Purposes:

Aspire Academy is committed to fulfilling the primary purpose defined in [Minnesota Statutes §124E](#) : to improve **all** pupil learning and **all** student achievement by infusing a STEM-based curriculum within a project-based learning framework. In addition, Aspire Academy will fulfill the purposes of **increasing** learning opportunity in the southwest metro area through STEM curriculum and encouraging the use of different and innovative teaching

methods. Also, Aspire Academy espouses Teacher as Designer, thereby creating new professional opportunities for teachers. Aspire Academy Founders believe that the current post-industrial model of school is largely irrelevant. The paradigm of school needs to shift and requires a more individualized approach to learning, one that makes education more relevant for all students in terms of who they are (cultural relevance), how they learn (instructional relevance) and what they want to do (career relevance).

Aspire will initially serve students in grades K-5.

- Number of students expected: 200
- Number of students in each classroom: 20
- Number of staff: 15
- Anticipated hours of operation: 7:00 am – 4:00 pm
- Any outdoor areas that would be used: Kids Playground

Description of the bus operations and pick up / drop off.

- Drop off and pick up times: 8:00am and 3:45 pm
- School start time / finish: 8:30am – 3:45 pm
- Number of students arriving by bus, walking / biking, car (we anticipate all of our students bused to school)